

## RESOLUTION

NAMING THE BOXING FACILITY AT WAIPAHU DISTRICT PARK THE AL "QUICK" SILVA TRAINING CENTER.

WHEREAS, subsections (e) and (f) of Sec. 22-9.5 of the Revised Ordinances of Honolulu 1990, as amended ("ROH"), states:

- (e) All naming or renaming of city parks, sites or facilities or any portion thereof shall be by resolution by the council of the City and County of Honolulu. Approval for the erection or placement of permanent memorials shall be by resolution, provided that an appropriate budget ordinance has been enacted where required.
- (f) The council may, on its own motion, designate a name for a new or existing park, site, facility, or any portion thereof, or memorial, consistent with the requirements set forth herein, by adoption of an appropriate resolution;

and

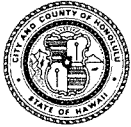
WHEREAS, additionally, ROH Sec. 22-9.3 states that, "in exceptional cases, a new or existing park, site, facility or any portion thereof may be named for a person, or for a belief, ideal, concept or historical event of significance to the community, city, nation or world"; and

WHEREAS, over a career that began in 1938, Al "Quick" Silva has carved out a huge legacy in Hawaii's boxing community; and

WHEREAS, in 1940, within two years of his first boxing match, Al Silva achieved the Oahu welterweight title, and during World War II, he was crowned the Pacific Theater Champion; and

WHEREAS, as a boxer in the Territory of Hawaii, Al Silva compiled a lifetime record of over 100 wins and just 12 losses; and

WHEREAS, even with those esteemed individual honors, Al Silva's greatest contribution to boxing has been as a trainer and coach who gave tirelessly of himself to oversee the Waipahu Boxing Club; and



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WHEREAS, Coach Silva took over the Waipahu Boxing Club after World War II, teaching the finer points of boxing to young hopefuls and providing a much needed foundation in the lives of countless disadvantaged leeward and central Oahu youth; and

WHEREAS, Coach Silva mentored his athletes using one long-standing rule at the Waipahu Gym: "Train seriously and leave 'play time' and the vices of the street at the door ... or don't come back"; and

WHEREAS, over a span of more than 70 years, Coach Silva coached thousands of youth including boxing champions Paul Lucas, Ben Villaflor, Andy Ganigan, Jesus Salud, Brian Viloria and most recently, Keoni Adric, Jr.; and

WHEREAS, Villaflor (1999), Ganigan (2000), Salud (2003) and Coach Silva (2009) all are members of the Hawaii Sports Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, to these national and world champions, and many other youth of leeward and central Oahu, Coach Silva, in addition to being a trainer, also served as a father figure who taught these young men lessons about life, humility and responsibility; and

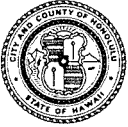
WHEREAS, the original gym, the only indoor public recreation facility in Waipahu, was built in 1961 as part of the Waipahu Recreation Center, which included a football field, baseball and softball diamonds, tennis, volleyball and basketball courts, in addition to the boxing facility; and

WHEREAS, in 1999, the City determined that a new facility was needed to replace the well-used and termite-infested gym, and in 2002 opened the newly renovated Waipahu Gym and Recreation Complex at the Waipahu District Park; and

WHEREAS, at the complex's opening, Mayor Jeremy Harris remarked that the facility, "is going to be the heart and soul of Waipahu," and Managing Director Ben Lee noted that, "the roots of boxing grew from that gym as Andy Ganigan, Jesus Salud and Brian Viloria got their start at the boxing facility with the Waipahu Boxing Club"; and

WHEREAS, at the blessing ceremony, World Champion Jesus Salud said that "a lot of people don't realize Waipahu is where the great boxers came from," adding that Coach Al Silva "made champions"; and

WHEREAS, on April 27, 2011, friends and family celebrated Coach Al Silva's 94<sup>th</sup> birthday at the gym that has trained some of Hawaii's greatest boxers; and



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WHEREAS, as late as mid-October of this year, despite advancing age and health challenges, Coach Silva continued to go to the gym daily to coach and teach Hawaii's youth about boxing and about life; and

WHEREAS, on October 28, 2011, Coach Al "Quick" Silva passed away after a valiant battle with cancer; and

WHEREAS, the Council finds that naming the boxing facility at Waipahu District Park after Hawaii Sports Hall of Fame Coach Al Silva would be an appropriate way to honor the more than seventy years of service and dedication that he and his family have given to the community and to the sport of boxing; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu that the boxing facility at Waipahu District Park be renamed the Al "Quick" Silva Training Center at Waipahu District Park; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council requests the city administration to erect appropriate signage and approves the placement of such signage at the park; and



**CITY COUNCIL**  
CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU  
HONOLULU, HAWAII

No. 11-338

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BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Mayor, the Director of Parks and Recreation, the Waipahu Boxing Club and the family of the late Al Silva.

INTRODUCED BY:



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DATE OF INTRODUCTION:

**NOV 08 2011**

Honolulu, Hawaii

Councilmembers

CITY COUNCIL  
CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU  
HONOLULU, HAWAII  
C E R T I F I C A T E

**RESOLUTION 11-338**

Introduced: 11/08/11 By: NESTOR GARCIA

Committee: EXECUTIVE MATTERS  
AND LEGAL AFFAIRS

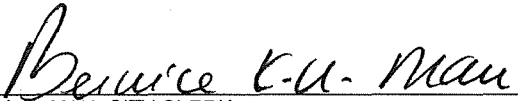
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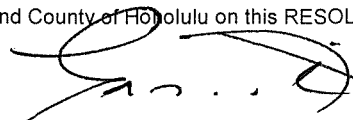
Links: RES11-338  
CR-350

Voting Legend: Y= Aye, Y\* = Aye w/Reservations, N = No, A = Absent, ABN = Abstain

EXECUTIVE MATTERS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS	11/15/11	CR-350 – RESOLUTION REPORTED OUT OF COMMITTEE FOR ADOPTION.			
COUNCIL	12/07/11	CR-350 AND RESOLUTION 11-338 WERE ADOPTED.			
ANDERSON	Y	BERG	Y	CACHOLA	Y
GARCIA	Y	HARIMOTO	Y	KOBAYASHI	Y
				CHANG	A
				MARTIN	Y
				GABBARD	Y

I hereby certify that the above is a true record of action by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu on this RESOLUTION.

  
BERNICE K. N. MAU, CITY CLERK

  
ERNEST Y. MARTIN, CHAIR AND PRESIDING OFFICER